County pregnancy rates and school districts' family life education requirements

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Tennessee Code Annotated 49-6-1302 requires all school districts in counties with a pregnancy rate exceeding 19.5 per 1,000 females, ages 15–17, to create and implement a family life education program. Family life education programs are to be locally developed or districts may adopt the curriculum approved by the State Board of Education. Previous versions of the law required school districts to provide family life education for four years after exceeding the 19.5 rate; changes made to the law in 2012 (Public Chapter 973) deleted this requirement. Under current law, districts must provide the instruction when they exceed the 19.5 rate, based on data maintained by the Department of Health, State Center for Health Statistics, and must make staffing decisions about the teaching of family life education year-to-year.

In the table below, counties with rates highlighted are those whose school districts must implement a family life education program, based on 2013 rates (the most current to date) published by the Tennessee Department of Health. Click on the map to see information for all school districts in the state, including rates for previous years. See Appendix A for a list that compares rates by district for 2010 through 2013. See TCA 49-6-1301, et seq., for statutory requirements concerning family life programs in Tennessee schools. See county pregnancy rate statistics maintained by the Tennessee Department of Health at http://tn.gov/health/article/statistics-pregnancy.

Counties / *School Districts*	2013 pregnancy rate per 1,000 females, ages 15-17
Anderson	14.8
Anderson County	
Clinton	
Oak Ridge	
Bedford	22.6
Bedford County	
Benton	28.8
Benton County	

Counties / *School Districts*	2013 pregnancy rate per 1,000 females, ages 15-17
Bledsoe	5.0
Bledsoe County	
Blount	15.2
Blount County	
Alcoa	
Maryville	
Bradley	12.3
Bradley County	
Cleveland	
Campbell	28.5
Campbell County	
Cannon	8.8
Cannon County	
Carroll	8.5
Carroll County	
Hollow Rock-Bruceton	
Huntingdon	
McKenzie	
South Carroll	
West Carroll Sp. District	
Carter	16.9
Carter County	
Elizabethton	
Cheatham	12.9
Cheatham County	
Chester	12.9
Chester County	
Claiborne	21.7
Claiborne County	
Clay	24.8
Clay County	
Cocke	33.6
Cocke County	
Newport	
Coffee	15.5
Manchester	
Tullahoma	
Crockett	10.8
Crockett County	

Counties / *School Districts*	2013 pregnancy rate per 1,000 females, ages 15-17
Alamo	
Bells	
Cumberland	25.6
Cumberland County	
Davidson	20.9
Davidson County	
Decatur	20.5
Decatur County	
Dekalb	24.3
Dekalb County	
Dickson	9.7
Dickson County	
Dyer	29.7
Dyer County	
Dyersburg	
Fayette	17.0
Fayette County	
Fentress	9.1
Fentress County	
Franklin	15.3
Franklin County	
Gibson	28.3
Gibson Co. Sp. District	
Humboldt	
Milan	
Trenton	
Bradford	
Giles	4.0
Giles County	
Grainger	29.8
Grainger County	
Greene	13.8
Greene County	
Greeneville	
Grundy	26.0
Grundy County	
Hamblen	24.5
Hamblen County	
Hamilton	14.4

Counties / *School Districts*	2013 pregnancy rate per 1,000 females, ages 15-17
Hamilton County	
Hancock	27.8
Hancock County	
Hardeman	15.9
Hardeman County	
Hardin	11.1
Hardin County	
Hawkins	13.3
Hawkins County	
Rogersville	
Haywood	41.6
Haywood County	
Henderson	19.2
Henderson County	
Lexington	
Henry	35.9
Henry County	
Paris	
Hickman	28.9
Hickman County	
Houston	19.7
Houston County	
Humphreys	15.6
Humphreys County	
Jackson	20.0
Jackson County	
Jefferson	12.6
Jefferson County	
Johnson	27.3
Johnson County	
Knox	13.7
Knox County	
Lake	40.0
Lake County	
Lauderdale	25.6
Lauderdale County	
Lawrence	9.3
Lawrence County	
Lewis	4.7

Counties / *School Districts*	2013 pregnancy rate per 1,000 females, ages 15-17
Lewis County	
Lincoln	18.5
Lincoln County	
Fayetteville	
Loudon	19.5
Loudon County	
Lenoir City	
Macon	28.8
Macon County	
Madison	20.8
Madison County	
Marion	16.6
Marion County	
Richard City	
Marshall	17.5
Marshall County	
Maury	16.9
Maury County	
Meigs	29.4
Meigs County	
McMinn	13.4
McMinn County	
Athens	
Etowah	
McNairy	10.9
McNairy County	
Monroe	14.2
Monroe County	
Sweetwater	
Montgomery	17.5
Montgomery County	
Moore	8.8
Moore County	
Morgan	7.9
Morgan County	
Obion	19.1
Obion County	
Union City	
Overton	9.9

Counties / *School Districts*	2013 pregnancy rate per 1,000 females, ages 15-17
Overton County	
Perry	7.3
Perry County	
Pickett	12.5
Pickett County	
Polk	21.3
Polk County	
Putnam	15.6
Putnam County	
Rhea	22.5
Rhea County	
Dayton	
Roane	12.8
Roane County	
Robertson	15.3
Robertson	
Rutherford	12.8
Rutherford County	
Murfreesboro	
Scott	36.1
Scott County	
Oneida	
Sequatchie	32.5
Sequatchie County	
Sevier	15.7
Sevier County	
Shelby	27.2
Arlington City	
Bartlett City	
Collierville City	
Germantown City	
Lakeland City	
Millington City	
Shelby County	
Smith	11.1
Smith County	
Stewart	4.0
Stewart County	
Sullivan	18.2

Counties / School Districts	2013 pregnancy rate per 1,000 females, ages 15-17
Sullivan County	
Bristol	
Kingsport	
Sumner	16.5
Sumner County	
Tipton	15.6
Tipton County	
Trousdale	19.6
Trousdale County	
Unicoi	10.3
Unicoi County	
Union	15.4
Union County	
Van Buren	54.3
Van Buren County	
Warren	32.4
Warren County	
Washington	10.9
Washington County	
Johnson City	
Wayne	37.7
Wayne County	
Weakley	16.3
Weakley County	
White	24.2
White County	
Williamson	5.7
Williamson County	
Franklin Sp. School District	
Wilson	12.2
Wilson County	
Lebanon	
State Average	**18.2**

Sources: Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, *Tennessee Adolescent Pregnancy Summary Data, 2013*, Feb. 2015, http://tn.gov/assets/entities/health/attachments/AdPreg13.pdf (accessed July 14, 2015).

Appendix A: 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 pregnancy rates in Tennessee counties, per 1,000 females, ages 15-17 (Note: orange highlight denotes a rate requiring school districts within counties to teach family life instruction)

Counties	Pregnancy rate, per 1,000 females, ages 15-17			
	2013	2012	2011	2010
Anderson	14.8	18.3	24.4	25.2
Bedford	22.6	25.3	25.2	20.5
Benton	28.8	25.5	38.7	23.3
Bledsoe	5.0	13.8	22.6	7.9
Blount	15.2	17.7	16.4	18.4
Bradley	12.3	18.2	14.5	23.0
Campbell	28.5	30.1	22.9	25.9
Cannon	8.8	24.4	4.0	13.7
Carroll	8.5	29.4	20.1	25.2
Carter	16.9	15.7	20.8	24.3
Cheatham	12.9	20.2	7.5	19.1
Chester	12.9	10.9	8.7	11.6
Claiborne	21.7	12.9	28.2	19.3
Clay	24.8	36.2	21.1	20.3
Cocke	33.6	33.7	44.9	29.8
Coffee	15.5	26.1	23.7	34.0
Crockett	10.8	28.1	27.5	39.9
Cumberland	25.6	27.5	19.9	45.6
Davidson	20.9	21.6	23.3	29.3
Decatur	20.5	29.6	14.1	13.2
Dekalb	24.3	35.3	42.1	20.8
Dickson	9.7	20.1	19.0	17.2
Dyer	29.7	41.6	34.4	26.6
Fayette	17.0	13.2	23.2	23.2
Fentress	9.1	28.4	14.3	22.5
Franklin	15.3	21.0	18.6	16.3
Gibson	28.3	24.0	28.5	14.7
Giles	4.0	13.5	14.2	24.8
Grainger	29.8	25.4	28.7	22.6
Greene	13.8	19.4	18.1	19.6
Grundy	26.0	12.3	20.1	18.5
Hamblen	24.5	24.0	22.1	33.1
Hamilton	14.4	19.0	16.8	17.8
Hancock	27.8	24.2	23.6	*

Counties	Pregnancy rate, per 1,000 females, ages 15-17			
	2013	2012	2011	2010
Hardeman	15.9	26.1	27.9	32.6
Hardin	11.1	28.8	22.9	21.5
Hawkins	13.3	19.0	30.0	18.8
Haywood	41.6	26.2	34.5	41.7
Henderson	19.2	17.2	20.8	25.0
Henry	35.9	32.0	25.9	14.6
Hickman	28.9	21.6	30.8	20.7
Houston	19.7	36.8	6.2	6.0
Humphreys	15.6	20.7	10.8	23.3
Jackson	20.0	44.1	14.5	9.1
Jefferson	12.6	20.1	18.7	22.7
Johnson	27.3	26.4	15.2	30.2
Knox	13.7	16.0	16.2	21.4
Lake	40.0	24.4	34.9	10.2
Lauderdale	25.6	24.9	22.4	37.0
Lawrence	9.3	24.9	25.9	24.1
Lewis	4.7	26.8	25.6	36.0
Lincoln	18.5	28.1	20.5	25.2
Loudon	19.5	31.6	13.6	17.6
Macon	28.8	49.8	25.3	32.3
Madison	20.8	19.0	22.3	24.5
Marion	16.6	30.3	34.6	27.6
Marshall	17.5	21.0	31.8	23.3
Maury	16.9	21.1	31.2	32.0
McMinn	13.4	17.2	17.9	21.7
McNairy	10.9	16.5	23.9	10.4
Meigs	29.4	5.1	20.1	20.2
Monroe	14.2	25.4	21.3	33.8
Montgomery	17.5	17.9	21.2	21.4
Moore	8.8	7.9	16.3	20.0
Morgan	7.9	13.2	10.7	21.3
Obion	19.1	20.0	28.8	27.1
Overton	9.9	15.2	18.0	17.7
Perry	7.3	21.1	21.9	13.1
Pickett	12.5	*	*	16.9
Polk	21.3	24.8	13.1	17.7
Putnam	15.6	10.1	13.1	22.0

Counties	Pregnancy rate, per 1,000 females, ages 15-17			
	2013	2012	2011	2010
Rhea	22.5	16.4	32.9	25.6
Roane	12.8	29.2	19.6	16.2
Robertson	15.3	20.5	20.9	23.7
Rutherford	12.8	14.2	16.8	19.9
Scott	36.1	32.6	27.0	14.0
Sequatchie	32.5	15.4	18.7	30.7
Sevier	15.7	28.0	24.1	31.5
Shelby	27.2	30.2	35.2	38.5
Smith	11.1	20.1	22.2	20.5
Stewart	4.0	22.3	22.6	3.4
Sullivan	18.2	18.4	20.0	24.1
Sumner	16.5	16.6	20.7	17.6
Tipton	15.6	14.7	17.8	16.1
Trousdale	19.6	31.7	34.5	13.6
Unicoi	10.3	34.2	27.3	22.4
Union	15.4	24.4	26.7	37.7
Van Buren	54.3	*	*	58.8
Warren	32.4	26.5	24.5	24.5
Washington	10.9	12.8	14.0	12.2
Wayne	37.7	20.3	15.2	10.2
Weakley	16.3	12.3	7.8	19.9
White	24.2	12.9	30.3	23.6
Williamson	5.7	6.0	6.4	7.8
Wilson	12.2	14.6	14.4	14.8
State Average	18.2	21.2	22.4	24.8

Notes: (1) Pregnancies include reported fetal deaths, abortions, and live births. (2) * means rate not calculated when population is less than zero. (3) Rates highlighted in orange denote counties with a pregnancy rate above 19.5 per 1,000 age 15-17 females.

Sources: Tennessee Department of Health

- *Tennessee Adolescent Pregnancy Summary Data, 2013*, Feb. 2015, p. 3, http://tn.gov/assets/entities/health/attachments/AdPreg13.pdf
- *Tennessee Adolescent Pregnancy Summary Data, 2012*, April 2014, p. 3, http://tn.gov/assets/entities/health/attachments/AdPreg12.pdf
- *Tennessee Adolescent Pregnancy Summary Data, 2011*, April 2013, p. 3, http://tn.gov/assets/entities/health/attachments/AdPreg11.pdf
- *Tennessee Adolescent Pregnancy Summary Data, 2011*, Feb. 2012, p. 3, http://tn.gov/assets/entities/health/attachments/AdPreg10.pdf